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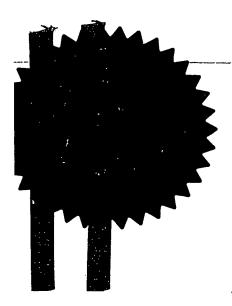
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Title: Luminous Container

The present invention relates to a luminous container.

It is common practice to place objects such as glasses by ones bedside at night. If one needs to perform a task when it is dark, it is difficult to find the glasses in order to see. This can be dangerous especially for older people who can trip and fall over without good vision.

The invention seeks to provide a container to support objects such as glasses to help locate such objects at night.

According to the present invention there is provided a luminous container comprising a container body to support one or more objects and a luminous surface on or in the container, is use said luminous surface glowing in the dark identifying the container and/or the or each object.

In one embodiment the container is a wallet of transparent material and said luminous surface is provided on a backing plate in the wallet, in use an object is placed on the backing plate and the object is visible when the backing plate glows in the dark.



In another embodiment the container is in the form of a glasses case, said case supporting a surface which is luminous, in use said container being visible in the dark when the luminous surface glows.

In another embodiment the container is in the form of a plate supporting a peripheral skirt having an elasticated free edge, said plate supporting a luminous surface, and an object being locatable in a pocket formed by said skirt with said object being insertable and withdrawn through the expandable aperture formed by said elasticated free edge, in use said container being visible in the dark when the luminous surface glows.

An embodiment of the invention will now be described with reference to the accompanying drawing showing a perspective view.

Referring to the drawing there is shown a luminous container 1. Container 1 comprises a container body in the form of a wallet 2 of transparent material having a wallet envelope 3 with a flap 4 which folds open and closed to open and close an envelope aperture 5 respectively. Mating popper components 6A,6B releasably secure the flap 4 to envelope 3.

A backing plate is provided in the form of a rectangular sheet of plastics 7 supporting a luminous surface 8.

In use an object such as glasses 10 can be placed in wallet 2 resting on surface 8 with flap 4 closed. In use, the luminous surface 8 glows in the dark identifying the container 1 and the shape of the glasses 10, allowing a person to locate the glasses 10 in the dark. A person can pick up the container in the dark and open flap 4 to access the glasses 10.

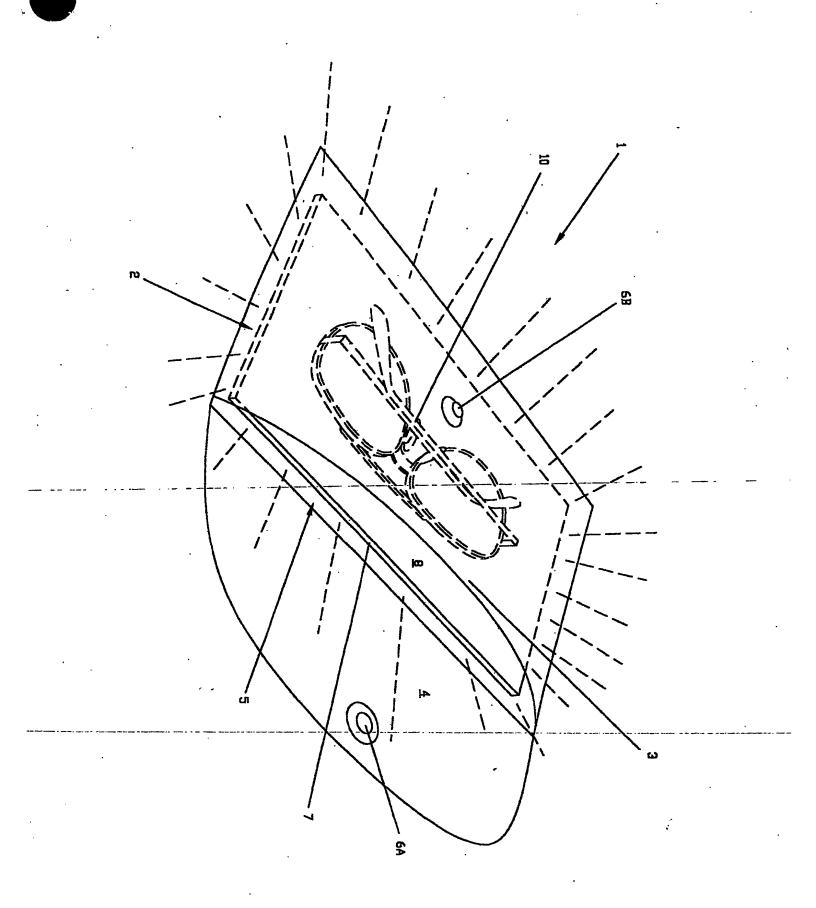
Container 1 may be used to store objects other than glasses, e.g. a telephone.

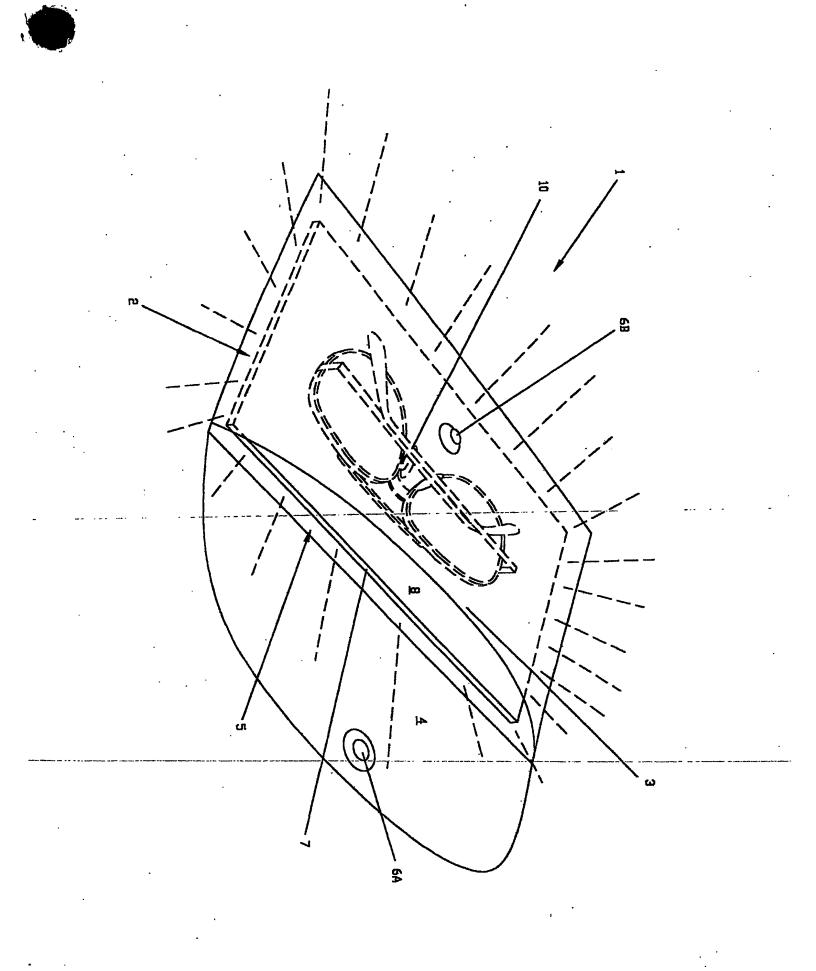
The invention may take a form other than that specifically described above.

For example the container may be in the form of a glasses case supporting a surface which is luminous. In use the container is visible in the dark when the luminous surface glows.

Alternatively the container may be in the form of a plate supporting a peripheral skirt having an elasticated free edge. The plate supports a luminous surface. An object may be locatable in a pocket formed by the skirt with the object being insertable and withdrawn through the expandable aperture formed by the elasticated free edge. In use the container is visible in the dark when the luminous surface glows.

Further modifications will be apparent to those skilled in the art without departing from the scope of the present-invention.





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